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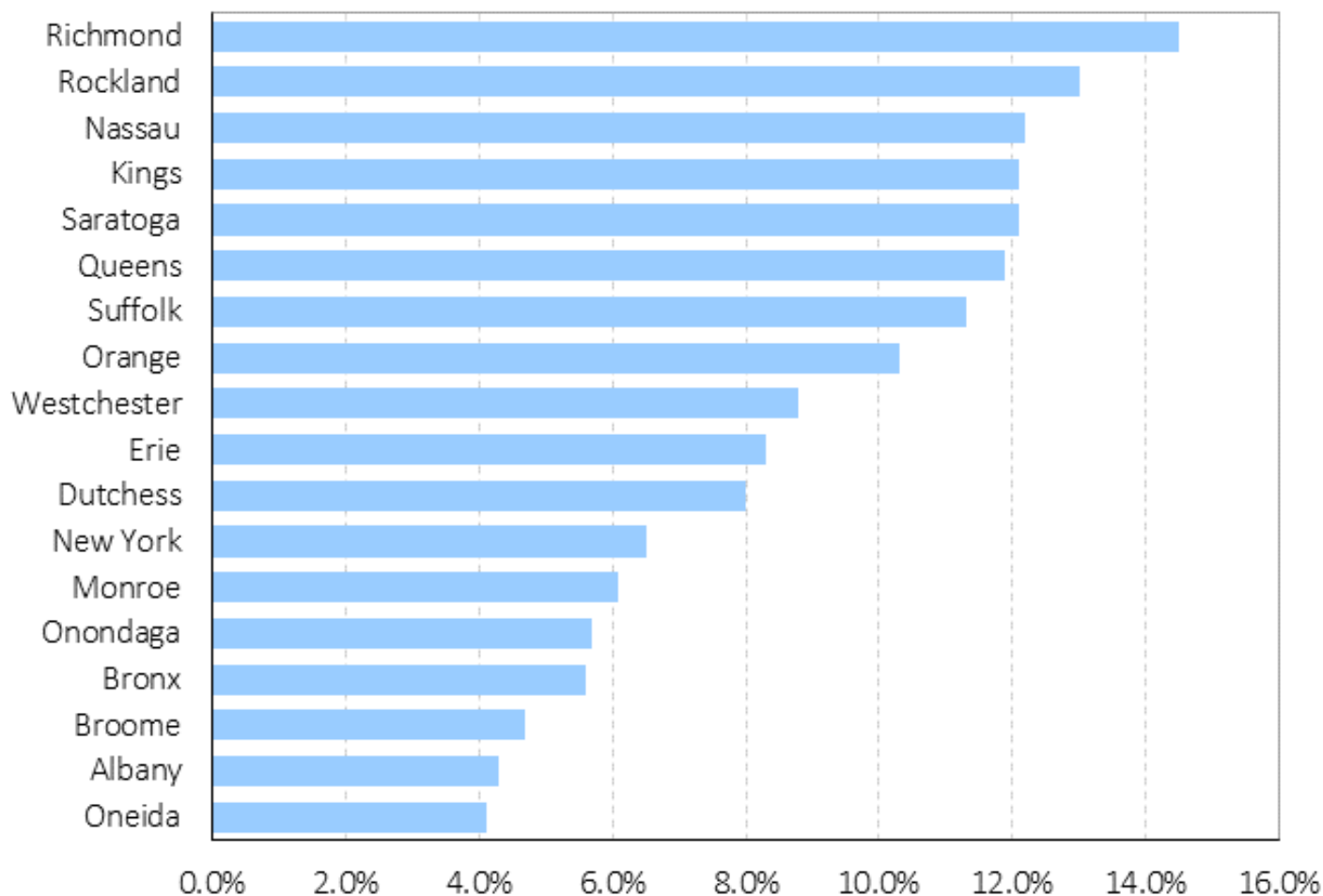
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## County Employment and Wages in New York – Second Quarter 2021

Employment rose in all 18 of the largest counties in New York from June 2020 to June 2021, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. (Large counties are those with annual average employment levels of 75,000 or more in 2020.) Chief Regional Economist Martin Kohli noted that Richmond County had the largest over-the-year increase in employment at 14.5 percent. (See [chart 1](#) and [table 1](#).)

**Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in covered employment among the largest counties in New York, June 2021**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

National employment increased 6.7 percent over the year, with 339 of the 343 largest U.S. counties reporting gains. Atlantic, NJ, had the largest over-the-year increase in employment with a gain of 36.8 percent. Calcasieu, LA, had the largest over-the-year percentage decrease in employment with a loss of 0.9 percent.

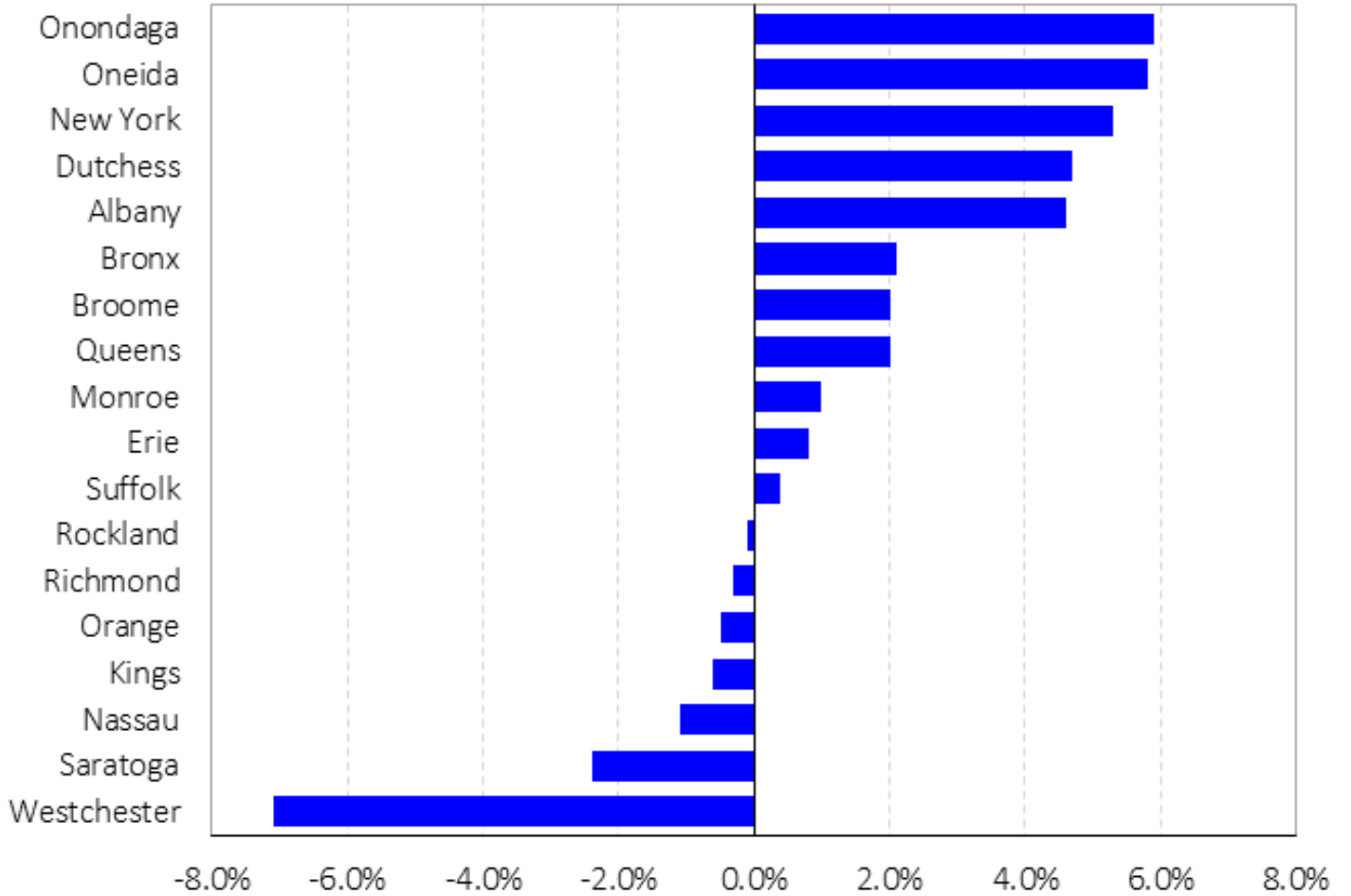
Among the 18 largest counties in New York, employment was highest in New York County (2,181,700). Together, the 18 largest New York counties accounted for 85.4 percent of total employment within the state. Nationwide, the 343 largest counties made up 72.2 percent of total U.S. employment.

Employment and wage levels (but not over-the-year changes) are also available for the 44 counties in New York with employment levels below 75,000. Wage levels in 42 of the 44 smaller counties were below the national average of \$1,241 in the second quarter of 2021. (See [table 2](#).)

**Large county wage changes**

Eleven New York large counties reported average weekly wage gains from the second quarter of 2020 to the second quarter of 2021. (See [chart 2](#).) Onondaga (+5.9 percent) and Oneida Counties (+5.8 percent) had the largest gains. Over-the-year wage declines were reported in seven of New York’s largest counties, with the largest decline posted by Westchester County (-7.1 percent).

**Chart 2. Over-the-year percent change in covered average weekly wages among the largest counties in New York, second quarter 2021**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Among the 343 largest counties in the United States, 302 had over-the-year wage increases. San Francisco, CA, had the largest percentage wage increase (+29.7 percent). Atlantic, NJ, had the largest over-the-year percentage decrease (-7.4 percent).

### **Large county average weekly wages**

New York County had the highest average weekly wage in the state at \$2,555 and ranked fourth among the 343 largest U.S. counties. Westchester County (\$1,591) ranked 21<sup>st</sup> nationally. Five additional counties (Albany, Bronx, Dutchess, Nassau, and Suffolk) had average weekly wages that placed in the top 100 nationwide. Broome (\$1,030) and Oneida (\$1,003) reported the lowest average weekly wages among the state's large counties and ranked 231<sup>st</sup> and 260<sup>th</sup> nationwide, respectively.

Among the largest U.S. counties, 90 reported average weekly wages above the U.S. average in the second quarter of 2021. Santa Clara, CA, had the highest average weekly wage at \$3,516. Average weekly wages were at or below the national average in the remaining 253 counties. At \$728 a week, Hidalgo, TX, had the lowest average weekly wage.

### **Average weekly wages in New York's smaller counties**

Forty-two of New York's 44 counties with employment below 75,000 had average weekly wages below the national average of \$1,241. Steuben (\$1,376) and Schenectady (\$1,242) were the exceptions. (See [table 2](#).) Hamilton and Yates Counties reported the lowest average weekly wages at \$774 and \$797, respectively.

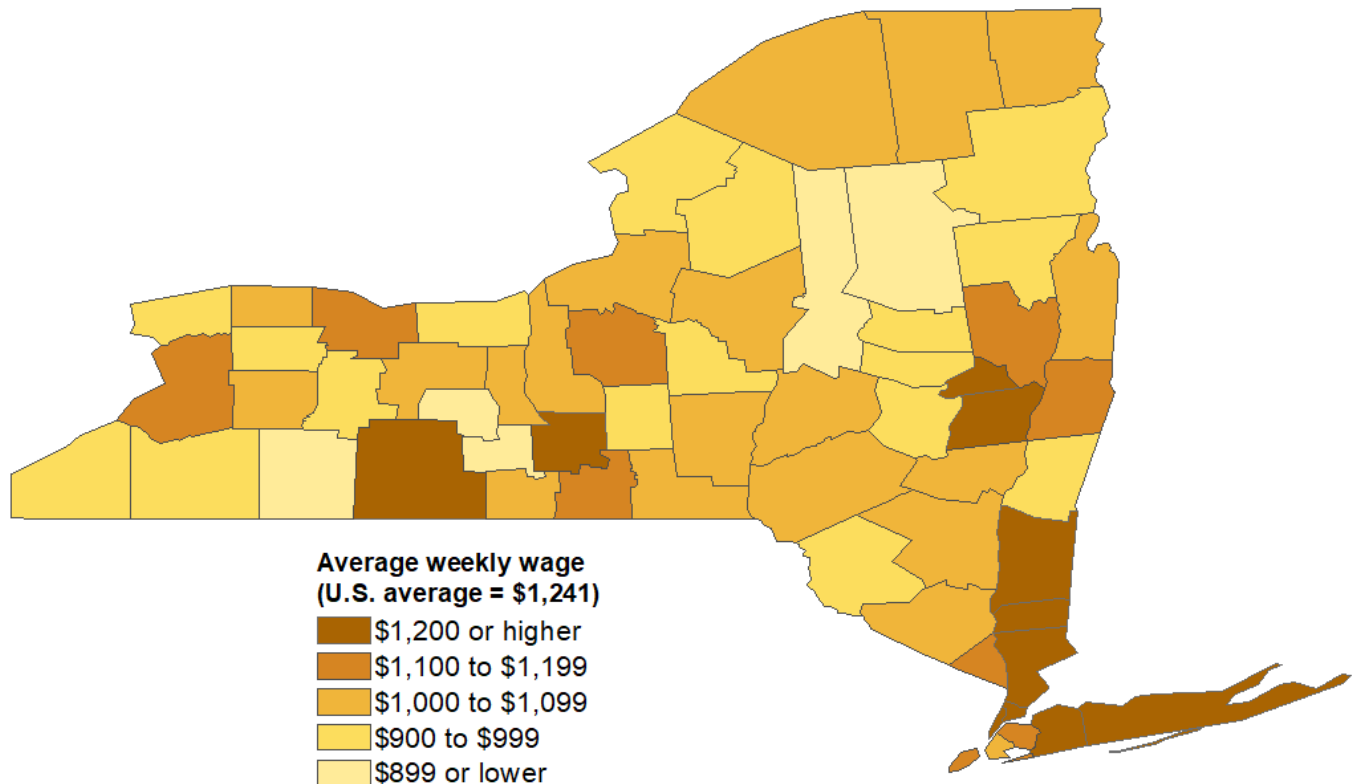
When all 62 counties in New York were considered, 5 reported average weekly wages of less than \$900, 17 registered wages from \$900 to \$999, 20 recorded wages from \$1,000 to \$1,099, 9 had wages from \$1,100 to \$1,199, and 11 had average weekly wages of \$1,200 or higher. (See [chart 3](#).)

### **Additional statistics and other information**

QCEW data for states have been included in this release in [table 3](#). For additional information about quarterly employment and wages data, please read the [Technical Note](#) or visit [www.bls.gov/cew](http://www.bls.gov/cew).

*Employment and Wages Annual Averages Online* features comprehensive information by detailed industry on establishments, employment, and wages for the nation and all states. This publication is typically published in September of the following year of the reference period or shortly after the QCEW first quarter full data update. The *Employment and Wages Annual Averages Online* is available at [www.bls.gov/cew/publications/employment-and-wages-annual-averages/](http://www.bls.gov/cew/publications/employment-and-wages-annual-averages/).

**Chart 3. Average weekly wages by county in New York State, second quarter 2021**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**The County Employment and Wages release for third quarter 2021 is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. The County Employment and Wages full data update for third quarter 2021 is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, March 9, 2022.**

### **Technical Note**

Average weekly wage data by county are compiled under the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program, also known as the ES-202 program. The data are derived from summaries of employment and total pay of workers covered by state and federal unemployment insurance (UI) legislation and provided by State Workforce Agencies (SWAs). The average weekly wage values are calculated by dividing quarterly total wages by the average of the three monthly employment levels of those covered by UI programs. The result is then divided by 13, the number of weeks in a quarter. It is to be noted, therefore, that over-the-year wage changes for geographic areas may reflect shifts in the composition of employment by industry, occupation, and such other factors as hours of work. Thus, wages may vary among counties, metropolitan areas, or states for reasons other than changes in the average wage level. Data for all states, Metropolitan

Statistical Areas (MSAs), counties, and the nation are available on the BLS web site at [www.bls.gov/cew](http://www.bls.gov/cew). However, data in QCEW press releases have been revised and may not match the data contained on the Bureau's web site.

QCEW data are not designed as a time series. QCEW data are simply the sums of individual establishment records reflecting the number of establishments that exist in a county or industry at a point in time. Establishments can move in or out of a county or industry for a number of reasons—some reflecting economic events, others reflecting administrative changes.

The preliminary QCEW data presented in this release may differ from data released by the individual states as well as from the data presented on the BLS web site. These potential differences result from the states' continuing receipt, review and editing of UI data over time. On the other hand, differences between data in this release and the data found on the BLS web site are the result of adjustments made to improve over-the-year comparisons. Specifically, these adjustments account for administrative (noneconomic) changes such as a correction to a previously reported location or industry classification. Adjusting for these administrative changes allows users to more accurately assess changes of an economic nature (such as a firm moving from one county to another or changing its primary economic activity) over a 12-month period. Currently, adjusted data are available only from BLS press releases.

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**Table 1. Covered establishments, employment, and wages in the United States and the 18 largest counties in New York, second quarter 2021**

Area	Establishments, second quarter (thousands)	Employment			Average weekly wage <sup>(1)</sup>			
		June 2021 (thousands)	Percent change, June 2020–21 <sup>(2)</sup>	National ranking by percent change <sup>(3)</sup>	Second quarter 2021	National ranking by level <sup>(3)</sup>	Percent change, second quarter 2020–21 <sup>(2)</sup>	National ranking by percent change <sup>(3)</sup>
United States <sup>(4)</sup> .....	10,863.2	144,044.8	6.7	--	\$1,241	--	4.5	--
New York .....	667.9	8,885.4	9.2	--	1,540	5	1.3	42
Albany .....	10.3	220.3	4.3	255	1,338	59	4.6	107
Bronx .....	19.1	304.6	5.6	184	1,229	96	2.1	227
Broome .....	4.2	79.2	4.7	233	1,030	231	2.0	230
Dutchess .....	8.4	105.9	8.0	78	1,259	79	4.7	101
Erie .....	24.5	439.9	8.3	67	1,115	170	0.8	281
Kings .....	66.1	770.6	12.1	15	1,054	213	-0.6	316
Monroe .....	18.7	364.6	6.1	162	1,136	158	1.0	273
Nassau .....	53.8	601.2	12.2	13	1,371	53	-1.1	320
New York .....	125.9	2,181.7	6.5	137	2,555	4	5.3	77
Oneida .....	5.2	98.6	4.1	267	1,003	260	5.8	56
Onondaga .....	12.6	233.7	5.7	174	1,161	138	5.9	50
Orange .....	10.8	143.0	10.3	31	1,081	190	-0.5	314
Queens .....	53.5	660.2	11.9	17	1,198	109	2.0	230
Richmond .....	10.0	126.0	14.5	8	1,160	139	-0.3	312
Rockland .....	11.2	126.9	13.0	11	1,149	146	-0.1	305
Saratoga .....	6.1	87.0	12.1	15	1,142	155	-2.4	333
Suffolk .....	53.4	646.8	11.3	23	1,304	67	0.4	294
Westchester .....	35.7	402.1	8.8	51	1,591	21	-7.1	339

Footnotes:

(1) Average weekly wages were calculated using unrounded data.

(2) Percent changes were computed from employment and pay data adjusted for noneconomic county reclassifications.

(3) Ranking does not include data for Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.

(4) Totals for the United States do not include data for Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.

Note: Data are preliminary. Covered employment and wages includes workers covered by Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) programs.

**Table 2. Covered establishments, employment, and wages in the United States and all counties in New York, second quarter 2021**

Area	Establishments	Employment June 2021	Average weekly wage (1)
United States (2)	10,863,217	144,044,799	\$1,241
New York	667,864	8,885,368	1,540
Albany	10,283	220,325	1,338
Allegany	892	12,683	868
Bronx	19,147	304,564	1,229
Broome	4,237	79,220	1,030
Cattaraugus	1,759	27,155	934
Cayuga	1,662	24,728	1,030
Chautauqua	3,115	45,644	915
Chemung	1,875	32,813	1,072
Chenango	1,024	16,767	1,032
Clinton	1,903	32,058	1,007
Columbia	2,051	20,824	941
Cortland	1,083	16,474	924
Delaware	1,202	14,207	1,012
Dutchess	8,403	105,929	1,259
Erie	24,458	439,901	1,115
Essex	1,281	14,254	943
Franklin	1,104	17,513	1,080
Fulton	1,177	16,005	949
Genesee	1,442	23,065	956
Greene	1,303	14,232	1,035
Hamilton	240	1,890	774
Herkimer	1,230	16,487	889
Jefferson	2,842	40,234	955
Kings	66,077	770,579	1,054
Lewis	577	6,635	915
Livingston	1,427	19,140	943
Madison	1,573	20,087	954
Monroe	18,654	364,641	1,136
Montgomery	1,205	18,190	943
Nassau	53,830	601,188	1,371
New York	125,905	2,181,653	2,555
Niagara	4,799	68,340	937
Oneida	5,233	98,645	1,003
Onondaga	12,599	233,684	1,161
Ontario	3,189	50,946	1,070
Orange	10,774	142,995	1,081
Orleans	778	11,291	1,026
Oswego	2,304	31,152	1,077
Otsego	1,513	21,724	1,024
Putnam	3,111	25,906	1,218
Queens	53,452	660,184	1,198
Rensselaer	3,370	52,673	1,116
Richmond	10,000	125,992	1,160
Rockland	11,191	126,941	1,149
St. Lawrence	2,044	34,347	1,020
Saratoga	6,113	87,024	1,142
Schenectady	3,410	56,485	1,242
Schoharie	675	8,386	905
Schuyler	431	5,177	866
Seneca	752	11,090	1,047
Steuben	2,096	35,408	1,376
Suffolk	53,361	646,779	1,304
Sullivan	2,101	28,329	981

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 2. Covered establishments, employment, and wages in the United States and all counties in New York, second quarter 2021 - Continued**

Area	Establishments	Employment June 2021	Average weekly wage (1)
Tioga.....	867	12,757	1,133
Tompkins .....	2,638	45,118	1,229
Ulster .....	5,322	56,857	1,029
Warren.....	2,384	37,217	969
Washington.....	1,201	14,900	1,065
Wayne .....	2,051	28,086	962
Westchester.....	35,700	402,132	1,591
Wyoming .....	895	13,740	1,006
Yates.....	662	6,912	797

Footnotes:

(1) Average weekly wages were calculated using unrounded data.

(2) Totals for the United States do not include data for Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.

Note: Data are preliminary. Covered employment and wages includes workers covered by Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) programs.



**Table 3. Covered establishments, employment, and wages by state, second quarter 2021**

State	Establishments, second quarter (thousands)	Employment		Average weekly wage <sup>(1)</sup>			
		June 2021 (thousands)	Percent change, June 2020–21	Second quarter 2021	National ranking by level	Percent change, second quarter 2020–21	National ranking by percent change
United States <sup>(2)</sup> .....	10,863.2	144,044.8	6.7	\$1,241	--	4.5	--
Alabama .....	137.8	1,952.0	4.4	1,010	35	4.8	15
Alaska .....	23.7	315.5	6.7	1,181	17	-1.2	51
Arizona .....	180.2	2,857.8	5.3	1,154	20	5.9	6
Arkansas .....	96.1	1,205.3	4.4	974	45	5.2	12
California .....	1,662.9	16,992.1	7.0	1,579	3	7.5	5
Colorado .....	228.9	2,723.9	7.1	1,283	10	4.4	19
Connecticut .....	130.1	1,604.1	7.9	1,411	6	0.6	47
Delaware .....	35.1	440.1	5.1	1,165	19	1.7	41
District of Columbia .....	44.0	724.6	3.3	2,096	1	5.4	8
Florida .....	782.5	8,654.0	6.7	1,113	24	7.7	3
Georgia .....	337.0	4,453.5	6.5	1,139	22	5.9	6
Hawaii .....	48.7	590.5	12.7	1,117	23	0.7	46
Idaho .....	76.4	801.8	7.3	930	50	5.3	10
Illinois .....	394.6	5,743.5	6.5	1,260	11	3.5	25
Indiana .....	178.2	3,011.8	5.2	1,013	34	5.4	8
Iowa .....	106.1	1,528.0	4.8	999	38	2.1	38
Kansas .....	90.5	1,356.0	4.0	995	41	2.7	30
Kentucky .....	132.4	1,851.2	5.6	999	38	2.9	28
Louisiana .....	142.7	1,806.6	5.4	1,005	36	2.0	39
Maine .....	57.0	623.0	8.7	1,005	36	2.4	33
Maryland .....	175.6	2,599.7	6.8	1,319	9	1.0	44
Massachusetts .....	277.4	3,497.0	10.1	1,591	2	1.1	43
Michigan .....	270.2	4,175.6	8.4	1,143	21	2.5	32
Minnesota .....	192.8	2,814.5	6.4	1,240	13	3.3	26
Mississippi .....	75.7	1,107.1	4.1	843	51	3.8	22
Missouri .....	221.6	2,759.3	5.3	1,052	32	3.6	23
Montana .....	55.1	490.7	7.0	959	47	4.5	18
Nebraska .....	74.4	976.6	4.8	997	40	3.9	21
Nevada .....	93.9	1,353.9	14.0	1,106	25	5.3	10
New Hampshire .....	58.5	657.4	8.7	1,345	8	10.6	1
New Jersey .....	300.4	3,993.8	12.0	1,387	7	0.8	45
New Mexico .....	63.0	790.6	4.3	987	42	2.9	28
New York .....	667.9	8,885.4	9.2	1,540	5	1.3	42
North Carolina .....	311.1	4,511.3	7.2	1,092	27	5.1	14
North Dakota .....	32.6	407.4	4.3	1,067	29	0.6	47
Ohio .....	312.4	5,266.7	4.3	1,068	28	3.6	23
Oklahoma .....	114.6	1,568.7	3.1	963	46	2.4	33
Oregon .....	169.2	1,899.6	5.6	1,196	15	4.8	15
Pennsylvania .....	370.9	5,674.7	6.9	1,193	16	2.0	39
Rhode Island .....	42.1	472.2	10.0	1,168	18	-0.3	50
South Carolina .....	150.1	2,091.9	4.9	977	44	5.2	12
South Dakota .....	36.3	442.3	6.4	936	49	2.6	31
Tennessee .....	182.3	3,012.4	5.9	1,094	26	7.6	4
Texas .....	758.0	12,466.7	5.7	1,210	14	4.7	17
Utah .....	119.9	1,586.0	7.6	1,060	30	4.2	20
Vermont .....	27.8	292.4	7.5	1,053	31	-0.2	49
Virginia .....	293.6	3,854.3	6.1	1,257	12	3.2	27
Washington .....	263.6	3,376.7	5.7	1,547	4	8.3	2
West Virginia .....	52.7	663.8	4.8	955	48	2.2	37
Wisconsin .....	186.5	2,845.7	5.7	1,037	33	2.3	35
Wyoming .....	28.2	275.1	5.6	987	42	2.3	35
Puerto Rico .....	47.6	867.2	8.6	567	(3)	2.0	(3)

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 3. Covered establishments, employment, and wages by state, second quarter 2021 - Continued**

State	Establishments, second quarter (thousands)	Employment		Average weekly wage <sup>(1)</sup>			
		June 2021 (thousands)	Percent change, June 2020–21	Second quarter 2021	National ranking by level	Percent change, second quarter 2020–21	National ranking by percent change
Virgin Islands .....	3.5	35.7	0.0	923	(3)	-8.4	(3)

## Footnotes:

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(2) Totals for the United States do not include data for Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.

(3) Data not included in the national ranking.

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